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SUBJ: GREEK PRESS COVERAGE OF HARTMAN VISIT TO ANKARA

ANKARA PASS HARTMAN/EAGLETON

1. GREEK MORNING PRESS APRIL 22 REPORTED FURTHER DETAILS ON THE VISIT TO ANKARA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. TO VIMA COVERAGE WAS MOST PROMINENT, PLACING STORY ON FRONT PAGE UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICA SEEKS GREEK-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS."

2. CHIEF POINT WHICH ALL REPORTS STRESS IS FACT THAT HARTMAN URGED TURKISH LEADERS TO MEET "FACE-TO-FACE" WITH GREEK COUNTERPARTS IN ORDER TO RELAX TENSION ON NATO'S SOUTHEASTERN FLANK. TO VIMA, ELEFTEROS KOSMOS AND AKROPOLIS ALL TOOK NOTE OF FACT THAT HARTMAN HAD A FOUR HOUR CONVEERSATION WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ON APRIL 21. HE IS REPORTED AS TELLING THE PRESS FOLLOWING THIS MEETING THAT HE HAD MADE NO DEMANDS AND SOUGHT NO CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS BUT RATHER HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINSTER "THE POSSIBILITIES OF A MORE DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY TO IMPOVE THEIR OVERALL RELATIONS."

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3. HARTMAN WAS ALSO QUOTED AS EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH ARE TO RESUME VIENNA NEXT WEEK WILL MAKE GOOD PROGRESS IN SEEKING A LONG-TERM CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

4. GREEK RADIO MORNING APRIL 22 REPORTED THAT (A) HARTMAN WILL ALSO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND (B) THAT HE WILL THEN VISIT ATHENS AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO ANKARA. RADIO REPORT ENDED WITH COMMENT THAT HARTMAN INDICATED THAT USG MAKES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN CYPRUS PROBLEM AND RESTORATION US MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

5. STATEMENT OF CAGLAYANGIL AS REPORTED ANKARA 3131 HAS NOT YET BEEN REPORTED GREEK PRESS. HOWEVER, PRINCIPAL POINTS OF HARTMAN'S STATEMENT (ANKARA 3132) WERE DISSEMINATED EITHER BY PRESS OR RADIO.
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